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For: CONSTRUCTION OF A STRUCTURAL VARIANT OF SUBLANCIN TO
FACILITATE ITS ISOLATION AND USE IN BIOREMEDIATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION BY GRAM-POSITIVE SPORE
FORMERS SUCH AS *BACILLUS ANTHRASIS*

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 10, 2002

Sir:

Further to the Restriction Requirement dated September 18, 2002, the following
is submitted as a full and complete Response thereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.

A Restriction Requirement was made in the Office Action dated September 18,
2002. In the Restriction Requirement the claims were divided in the following manner:

Invention I: directed to Claims 1-8, and 15-23, drawn to a chimeric sublancin
peptide, a method of its purification, and a method of
decontamination using the peptide; and

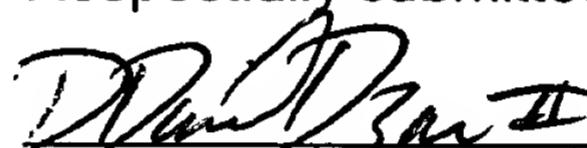
Invention II: directed to Claims 9-14, drawn to a method of making a
chimeric sublancin peptide via recombinant DNA technology.

Applicant herein elects Invention 1 (Claims 1-8 and 15-23) for prosecution
without traverse.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an
appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Applicant's
Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 108172-00058.

Respectfully submitted,



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